



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Ginn, et al.  
Appl. No. : 10/669,313  
Filing Date : September 23, 2003  
Title : APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR POSITIONING A  
VASCULAR SHEATH  
Group Art Unit : 3731  
Examiner : Baxter, Jessica R.  
Docket No. : 701879.4009  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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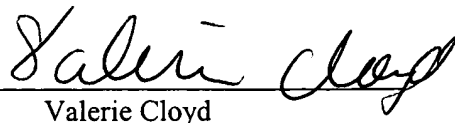
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